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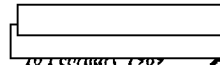
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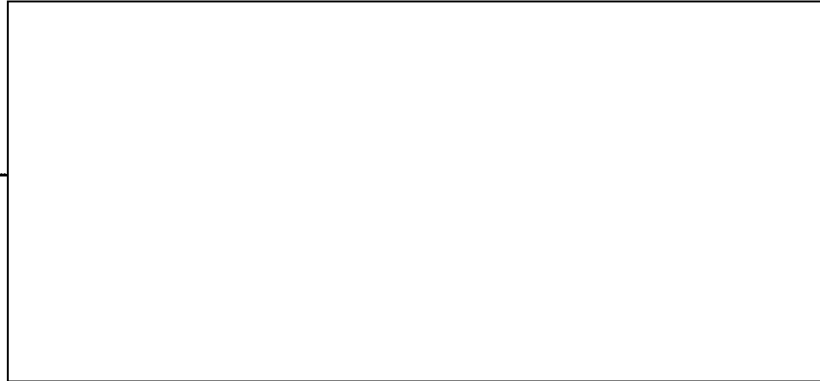


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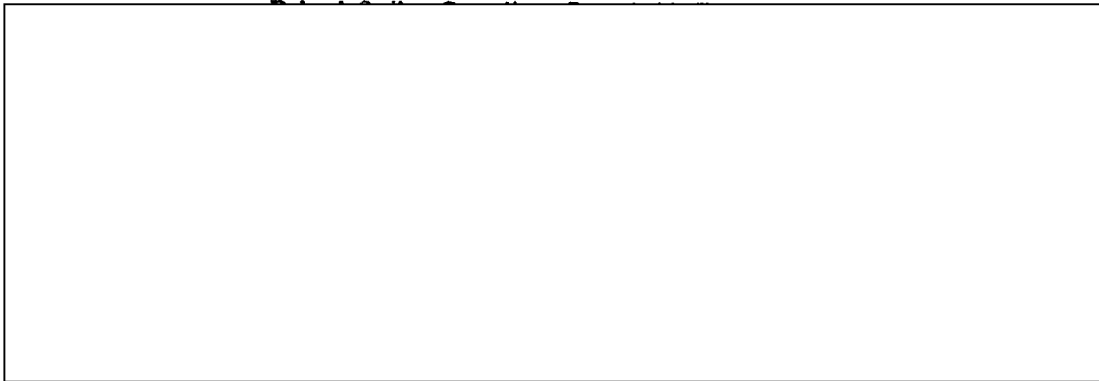
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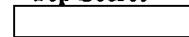


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INDONESIA: Military Clashes With Muslim Group

Jakarta's semiofficial news service reports 27 members of an Islamic group were killed this week in southern Sumatra in a battle with Army and police units. Other media claim the death toll is much higher.

Violence began after an Army detachment interrupted the group's prayer meeting and that a press blackout has been imposed.

Comment: President Soeharto has a record of dealing harshly with Islamic extremism, and Jakarta will move quickly to reassure Muslims, who make up almost 90 percent of the population, that the incident was limited to an extremist group. Muslim criticism of the government's use of force, however, is likely.

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